

General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by: (JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR REVISIONS CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION AND THE EARNED RISK REDUCTION CREDIT PROGRAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Section 18-98f of the 2016 supplement to the general
- 2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
- 3 (*Effective October 1, 2016*):
- 4 Not later than January 1, 2016, and quarterly thereafter, [the
- 5 Commissioner of Correction, after consultation with] the Criminal
- 6 Justice Policy and Planning Division within the Office of Policy and
- 7 Management, after consultation with the Commissioner of Correction,
- 8 shall, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, report to the
- 9 General Assembly details about earned risk reduction credits awarded
- to reduce an inmate's sentence pursuant to section 18-98e, as amended
- 11 <u>by this act</u>. Such report shall include: (1) The number of inmates
- 12 released overall and the number of inmates released early as a result of
- 13 the award of such credit; (2) the crimes for which such released
- inmates were convicted; (3) the amount of risk reduction credit earned

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- 15 by inmates released early pursuant to such credit; and (4) any 16 recidivism data regarding inmates who were released early pursuant to such credit, including any data such as rate of reentry into the 17 18 correctional system, elapsed time between release and such reentry, 19 and the crimes for which such inmates were convicted that resulted in 20 such reentry. Not later than thirty days after submission of the report 21 to the General Assembly, said commissioner shall post the report on 22 the Department of Correction's Internet web site.
- Sec. 2. Subsection (e) of section 18-98e of the 2016 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2016*):
 - (e) Prior to release of any inmate whose sentence is being reduced due to risk reduction credits earned pursuant to this section, the [warden of the correctional facility from which such inmate is to be released] the commissioner or the commissioner's designee shall review such inmate's records and verify that the inmate earned the risk reduction credits being applied to reduce such inmate's sentence.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2016	18-98f
Sec. 2	October 1, 2016	18-98e(e)

Statement of Purpose:

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To provide that the Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division, after consultation with the Commissioner of Correction, report concerning earned risk reduction credits awarded to inmates and to provide that the Commissioner of Correction, rather than the warden of the correctional facility that releases an inmate shall review and verify such inmate's earned risk reduction credits.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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